

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claim Amendments

The Applicant has amended claims 1, 3, 5 and 14. Support for the amendments is found in paragraphs 0023- 0027 of the Specification. Applicant respectfully submits no new matter has been added. Accordingly, claims 1, and 3-18 are pending in the application. Favorable reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Claim Rejections – 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Claims 1, and 3-18 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. §~~102(e)~~ s/b 103(a) as being unpatentable over Bright (US Patent Number 2002/0169883A1) (s/b, in view of Palvianen (U.S. 5,950,126)). The Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection of these claims. (Though the Detailed Action rejects the subject claims as being anticipated, the claims are actually rejected for obviousness and the Applicant will argue as such.)

The Bright reference is cited for teaching a method of accessing an Intelligent Network from a plurality of different telecom networks. Basically, Bright provides a multiple protocol HLR for generating messages according to the two or more network protocols to obtain information requested by the two or more networks that support the protocols.

The Applicant's invention provides IN services to subscribers from networks that operate with different protocols, i.e., a subscriber from an ANSI 41 network accessing the IN of a GSM network. This service is provided by associating a special CIC code that is associated with an IN service in a particular network. The CIC code is determined from a special PIC category stored in the subscriber's HLR. When the subscriber originates or receives a call requiring the IN service, the special PIC is translated to a special CIC in the MSC/VLR of the IN associated network and the call is routed to an IN-SSP for access to the IN service. (Para 0024).

As noted in the detailed action, Bright fails to mention utilizing an Equal access function as a common access means. Bright also fails to mention assigning a special PIC to the subscriber and storing the PIC in the subscriber's HLR. Further, Bright lacks

the special CIC that is a result of the conversion of the special PIC and is used for routing the subscriber to the IN service.

The Palviainen reference is cited for teaching an Equal access function for providing subscribers with equal access to different IECs. The Palviainen reference teaches adding a PIC code according to the Equal Access feature, which provides a way for a subscriber to select a long distance carrier. When the subscriber is roaming, the PIC is transferred to a visited network and converted in the MSC/VLR of the IN service network, to a special CIC that is used to route the call to the IN-SSP for access to the IN service (para. 0024).

The Palviainen reference fails to disclose providing a special PIC stored in the subscriber's HLR which is transferred to the MSC/VLR upon requiring the IN service in the other network. Also, Palviainen lacks converting the special PIC is to a special CIC by a PIC to CIC translator in the MSC/VLR for routing the call to access the IN service.

The Applicant respectfully submits that neither Bright nor Palviainen suggest or teach the use of a special PIC being converted to a special CIC that is then used to route an originating or terminating call to an IN service that is not available in the subscriber's home network. This being the case, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of claim 1.

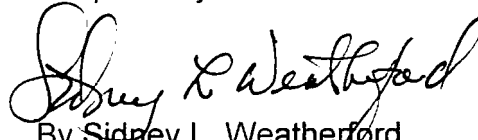
Claims 5, 12 and 14 are analogous to claim 1 and contain similar limitations. Therefore, the Applicant respectfully requests the withdrawal of the rejection of these and the respective dependent claims; 3-4, 6-11, 13 and 15-18.

CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing remarks, the Applicant believes all of the claims currently pending in the Application to be in a condition for allowance. The Applicant, therefore, respectfully requests that the Examiner withdraw all rejections and issue a Notice of Allowance for all pending claims.

The Applicant requests a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

Respectfully submitted,

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